Status of Claims and Support for Claim Changes per 37 C.F.R. §1.173(c)

Claims 1-16 are presented as they were allowed. There are no amendments to claims 1-16.

Claims 17-20 are new and are the same claims that were allowed in a Notice of Allowability dated mailed on May 7, 2001. Claims 17-20, however, were never printed in the patent.

Support for claims 17-20 is found throughout the specification and in Figs. 2-8C. In addition, support for claim 17 is provided in column 5, lines 5-25. Support for claim 18 is provided at column 6, lines 42-47 and column 7, lines 12-21. Support for claim 19 is provided in column 5, lines 5-25. Support for claim 20 is provided in column 6, lines 1-16.